Veterans Affairs Committee

Wednesday, August 5, 2026 3PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Minutes

Present: Chairman Ian Murray; Committee Members John Antoski, JD Arnold, Harry Brennan, Minita Sanghvi,
Absent: Michael Gyarmathy, Toni Sturm.
Chairman of the Board Philip Barrett; Steve Bulger, Audra Hedden, Renee Law, Christine Rush, Anne Van Vorst, County Administrator; George Conway, Ann Flower Stitt, County Attorney; Frank McClement, Tamim Fares, Veterans; Anna Stanko, Real Property Tax.

Chairman Murray called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion by Supervisor Brennan, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, the minutes of the May 6, 2026 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Supervisor Brennan, seconded by Supervisor Arnold, to introduce a proposed Local Law identified as Introductory No. 5 Print No. 1 of 2026 entitled "A Local Law authorizing full property tax exemption for certain 100% permanent and total service-disabled veterans" and setting a date for a public hearing thereon. Unanimous.
This exemption will apply to Veterans who have a 100% permanent and total disability compensation rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Supervisor Arnold, seconded by Supervisor Sanghvi, to observe the 25th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Unanimous.
Remembering those who lost their lives, and recognizing the services of the first responders, military members, volunteers, and all who served in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McClement provided a presentation on the role of a Veterans Service Officer.

On a motion by Supervisor Brennan, seconded by Supervisor Antoski, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget M. Rider, Deputy Clerk of the Board